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Boys' \$5 Suits for \$2.15.

There's a lot of Cheviot Suits for boys, in gray & brown stripes & checks that will be sold at less than half price.

Broken lots in each style, but a good range of sizes between 7 & 16 years, & the price is \$2.15 instead of \$5.

Wash Suits for little boys; white, tan & red grass cloth; trimmed collar, bloomer trousers. Very strong value, 50c & 70c.

Bloomer Trousers of fancy cheviot, in gray & brown stripes; cut good & full sizes, 5 to 16 years. One of the best values in the department, 50c.

SAY PUBLISHER USURPED NAME

Southern Historical Society Objects to Sale of Books Under Similar Title.

Claiming that the Southern Historical Publication Society has been using its name and prestige for the advancement of the sale of certain publications in no way connected with that organization, the Southern Historical Society, through its secretary, R. A. Brock, has published a resolution announcing that the historical society has nothing whatever to do with the publications, though it happens that the Southern Historical Society has the contract for printing the papers of the Southern Historical Society, and also the books of the Southern Historical Publication Society.

In addition to this the Southern Historical Society insists that the name of the Southern Historical Publication Society, he changed so as not to be confounded with that of the Southern Historical Society. The controversy arose over the fact that the publishing company used a letter of Secretary Brock's in the effort to increase the sales of a book called the "Library of Southern Literature," of which Professor Charles W. Kent, of the University of Virginia, is one of the principal editors. The letter was written in regard to certain papers to be published by the Southern Historical Society.

Mr. Brock, of the Historical Society, stated last night that the letters had no reference to the other works being put on the market by the publishing company, and that the thought of the name of his society had been used for the purpose of misleading the public into believing that the books emanated from the society.

He said further that some time ago he had been approached by the local agents for the Southern Historical Society, who made certain propositions to him contingent upon his giving the Southern Historical Society as authority for the publication of the books. He refused the overtures, though they were flattering, and drafted the resolutions, intimating that the name of the society was being used without authority, for commercial purposes.

The members of the society believe that Professor Kent is innocent of any disloyalty in the matter, and also that the publishers used the name and the letter with the intent to deceive the public and lead the people to believe that the books were published under the auspices of the Southern Historical Society.

CHARGE PERJURY

Colored Woman Said to Have Made False Representations to Court Clerk.

James Cordery (white) was sentenced to fifteen days in jail in the Police Court yesterday morning on the charge of stealing a square and saw from A. J. Hundley.

Ellen Burton (colored), charged with swearing falsely before Deputy Clerk Brown, of the Hastings Court, whereby Jack Chisham and Agnes Jones secured a marriage license, appeared, but the case was continued to May 15 owing to the unavoidable absence of one of the witnesses. It is charged that the woman represented herself as the mother of the girl.

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Crisp, Golden-Brown Bits Made from selected white corn.

"The Taste Lingers"

Popular pkg. 10c; Large Family size 15c.

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GREAT CONVENTION HONORS RICHMOND

Preliminary Program Announced for American Cotton Manufacturers' Association.

PAPERS AND DISCUSSIONS

City Plans Entertainment Features and Excursion to Jamestown Island.

Cotton manufacturers from all parts of the United States will meet in Richmond on May 25 for the thirty-fourth annual meeting of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association, a body which embraces all branches of the cotton goods trade, and which has its headquarters in the leading manufacturing centers in this industry by the Eastern part of the United States. The association met here last year and held a most interesting and valuable series of discussions. So convenient did Richmond prove as a convention city, and so central was the location between the cotton growers and mills of the South and the manufacturers and markets of New England and the North, that notwithstanding the original action selecting New York City as the meeting place this year, the board of governors reconsidered, and in response to an invitation from the City Council and Chamber of Commerce, has again selected Richmond as its meeting place.

The present officers of the association are: T. H. Rennie, president; L. W. Parker, vice-president; C. B. Bryant, secretary and treasurer. Board of Governors: T. Ashby Blythe, chairman; Aug. W. Smith, F. A. Fletcher, J. J. Paulsen, J. H. Gorton, Leonard White, Jr., Charles H. Cooper, Charles K. Oliver, Charles H. Fish, W. T. Lang, E. A. Smyth, M. McCall, E. Chappell, Charles B. Amory and John C. Rankin.

Forecast of Program. Secretary Bryant issued yesterday the following forecast of the program for this year's meeting, the sessions of which will be held in the Jefferson Auditorium as last year:

Tuesday, May 25.

10 A. M.—Call to order by President T. H. Rennie; prayer, Rev. George W. McDaniel.

10:10 A. M.—Address of welcome, Hon. D. C. Richardson, Mayor of Richmond.

10:25 A. M.—Reply to address of welcome, Colonel L. J. Tyson, Knoxville, Tenn.

10:40 A. M.—Annual address, President T. H. Rennie.

11 A. M.—Address, "Development of Foreign Cotton Goods Trade," R. L. McKellar, assistant freight traffic manager Southern Railway. Discussion.

11:45 A. M.—Address, "Cotton Waste Manufacture," W. A. G. R. K. Special Agent, Department Commerce and Labor.

12:30 P. M.—Address, "Baling and Handling Cotton," Aug. W. Smith, president Union-Buffalo Mills Company. Discussion.

3 P. M.—Call to order by President T. H. Rennie; address, "The Tariff on Cotton Textiles," D. A. Tompkins. Discussion.

3:45 P. M.—Report of committee on cotton exchanges, E. A. Smyth, chairman. Discussion.

Business Session.

For active members only: Report of secretary and treasurer; report of committee on resolutions; new business; election of officers.

In a preliminary announcement as to plans for this year's meeting, it is stated that it has been found that the large number of papers presented before previous conventions has interfered with general discussion by the members, and in order to furnish opportunity for a free discussion of the subjects on the program and any others that may come before the convention, the regular papers have been largely reduced.

Excursion to Jamestown. The convention will bring about 1,000 or 1,200 of the leading manufacturers of the country to Richmond for a meeting lasting several days. Plans are being made for entertainment on the part of the city and commercial organizations in the shape of a smoker at the Jefferson Hotel and an excursion on James River to Jamestown Island, a feature which it is said, was largely instrumental in inducing the board of governors to select Richmond as the meeting place.

Governor Swanson Leaves. Governor Swanson left last night for Alexandria, where to-day he will take part in the home-coming celebration. The Governor expects to return to the city to-night or to-morrow morning.

BRENT TELLS HOW BARN WAS BURNED

Implicates Negro Woman in Story of Stafford County Crime.

Through the efforts of the State Department of Insurance, John Brent, a negro, has been arrested for the burning of the barn of Thomas Waller, in Stafford county, on August 7, 1908. Brent has been lodged in the Fredericksburg jail for safekeeping, and he made the following confession on Tuesday, April 26, implicating a negro woman in the affair.

"On Friday night, August 7, 1908, Annie Hill had come to my house, and I asked her what she was going to do with it, and she said, 'I will show you directly, and she went up to the shed and pulled the coal oil out of some barrel. I was with her; then she stuck a match to it. I was with her and saw her do it. I says, what do you do that for and she said, because I wanted to do it; I says, what is scared to do it; I was not. I says, it is well to be scared."

"She then went back home to Mr. Waller's house and I went to my own home, to my father's house. I went down to Mr. Waller's to see her. She had been there for over two weeks before that to burn the barn, and I would not do it, and she said if I did not, she would do it. She came on and take a little trip with her. She had the coal oil hid there near the barn. This was between 9 and 10 o'clock Friday night."

Annie Hill is also in the Fredericksburg jail, and has made a confession, charging Brent with the crime. Previous to the burning, Brent, it is said, was discharged from the employ of Mr. Waller.

HUTZLER IS RE-ELECTED

School Board Retains Old Officers—School Property Transferred.

The City School Board at its meeting last night re-elected the following officers: Charles H. Rennie, president; C. P. Walcott, chairman, and C. P. Walcott, clerk and superintendent. The superintendent's report showed a total enrollment of 15,498, and an average attendance of 87 per cent.

The board received the communication from the Council instructing that the Valley School property be conveyed to the Street Cleaning Department. The property known as Howard's Grove, which is no longer needed for school purposes, was ordered to be turned over to the city. The reply of the commissioner on the New High School building to the communication from the Council was received and adopted.

ARRIVE TO-DAY

Council in Virginia-West Virginia Debt Case Ready for Contest.

Reservations for the council at the Jefferson Hotel by T. B. Dixey, chief counsel in the Virginia-West Virginia debt case, for the reception of the council who will appear before Special Master Charles E. Littlefield next Tuesday.

Those booked to arrive to-morrow are W. C. Conly, M. O. Dawson, W. M. Hadden, C. P. Hogg, George W. McClintock, of West Virginia, and John G. Carlisle and John C. Spooner, of New York.

Mr. Barbour a Caller. John S. Barbour, of Fairfax county, a member of the recent Constitutional Convention, was a caller at the offices of the State Corporation Commission yesterday. Mr. Barbour says that he is out of politics, and that he is giving all his time to his law practice. He left for his home on an afternoon train.

Marriage Licenses. Marriage licenses were issued yesterday by the following couples: Andrew T. Harris and Annie Ethel Moore; William Read Martin (physician) and Cornelia B. Constable; Charles E. Helts and Miriam Laurens White; Charles T. O'Rourke and Lucille Gallespie, and W. James MacNab and Isabel E. Cheney.

GASOLINE LAUNCH BURNS AT ANCHOR

Valuable Craft Destroyed Without Warning, Occupants Having Narrow Escape.

Catching fire from an unknown cause, the seventy-five gallon gasoline tank aboard the yacht Ada, anchored in the Trigg Slip, burst last night, totally destroying the yacht and jeopardizing the lives of three men who were aboard at the time. Only presence of mind and quick action on their part saved them.

The yacht, which is the property of James L. Botto, president of the Helena Club, and who resides at 117 North Twenty-sixth street, had just returned from a trip to the Old Dominion Steamship Company's wharves, when the accident occurred. She had gained the slip and was at anchor, when suddenly, without the slightest warning, flames shot up in every direction. For a moment the three men—Mike Mahoney, who was running it; George Curtis, and a son of Detective-Sergeant Bailey, made an attempt to combat the flames, but in a moment saw that whatever efforts they made would be in vain. So rapidly did the fire make headway that the three men were compelled to jump to save their lives. Though two gained shore without harm, Mahoney's arms were painfully burned.

The flames spread rapidly, soon enveloping the entire launch and destroying the whole of the upper woodwork and the inside fixtures. The hull rapidly sank, and it is believed will be useless. Large crowds were attracted by the sight, but the burning and the sinking of the boat occurred so rapidly that no one had time to turn in an alarm. The whole occurrence only occupied a few minutes.

Mr. Mahoney, who was running the yacht, had successfully made the slip and anchored when one of his companions saw the flames. Many other gasoline launches were anchored in the vicinity, but willing hands pulled them out of danger.

The Ada, a converted racing sloop, was forty feet long, and measured thirteen feet eight inches at the beam. It was rebuilt last year after the purchase from owners in Norfolk, and without the overhauling and repairing cost the owner \$1,700. The owner was not on board at the time, and did not hear of it for some hours afterwards. It was not insured.

Bicycle Officer Kellam, who was on Church Hill at the time, attracted by the bright blaze started down Libby Hill, but before he had gone half way the coaster broke on his wheel broke, throwing him to the ground. Though going at a rapid rate at the time, the officer escaped with a severe shaking up and several bruises. His wheel was demolished.

Mr. Botto in a statement to a Times-Dispatch reporter said last night that he could not account for the accident, and intimated that he believed one of the men was smoking. He will make an attempt to raise the hull.

MRS. DONNAN RESIGNS

Leaves Post-Office After Twenty Years' Service—Luther Matthews Appointed.

Postmaster Cabell yesterday received and accepted the resignation of Mrs. A. T. Donnan, who has been in charge of the information and box rent department in the local post-office for twenty years. Mrs. Donnan's withdrawal is due to ill health. She was given a sick leave two months ago, and is now in Belfast, Scotland, where she will probably make her future home. Luther T. Matthews, who served for a time as Mr. Cabell's secretary, has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

Judge Mann Commits. Judge William Hodges Mann is expected in the city this morning from a tour of several days in the Northern Neck. Judge Mann will spend the day at his headquarters and will leave here to-night for Christiansburg, where he has an engagement to speak to-morrow. Mr. Tucker, who is also scheduled to speak at Christiansburg to-day, will attend the celebration in Alexandria to-day.

HOUSES FALL IN LEE DISTRICT

Two Structures in Course of Erection on Meadow Street Collapse.

The northeast wall of a double brick house being erected on Meadow Street, between Grove and Floyd Avenues, for Messrs. Stokes and Dunn, fell suddenly yesterday afternoon, causing a damage estimated at from \$400 to \$500. It is claimed that the cause of the collapse was the ditching for a sewer, which may have been too close to the foundations of the house. It is said that the houses were built on "crawfish," or filled land.

Building Inspector Beck was called to the scene of the accident. He said he would make a rigid investigation and if it had been any negligence or improper work he would report the matter to the Police Justice.

The contract for construction was held by John P. Black. Both houses are as yet uncompleted, and, of course, the building will be delayed to repair the damage caused yesterday. John T. Powers was the brick contractor. The ditch was being dug for plumbing purposes by the Belvidere Plumbing Company.

The cause of the accident, said a plumber yesterday, that last year the master plumbers petitioned the City Council to pass an ordinance requiring all sewer ditches be put under the supervision of the city, which is claimed, would have given property owners opportunity to recover for damages inflicted by careless or negligent workmen. The ordinance was rejected.

RAILROAD MEN IMPROVE

Hopes Are for Recovery of Engineer and Fireman Caught Under Locomotive.

Thomas C. Corwin, of Norfolk, who was injured early yesterday morning near the Seaboard Air Line roundhouse, and whose left leg and arm were badly broken, is being treated in the Memorial Hospital, was reported to be doing well last night. His right leg was broken, but he is expected to improve. His wife is expected to arrive from Franklin, N. C. to-day. The men, employed as engine and fireman, were clearing the engines when moving cars caught them in such a position there was no chance of getting out of the way. Their condition is serious, although he was conscious all during yesterday. Blackley is not seriously injured.

FARNAM TAKEN TO TEXAS

Prisoner Is Heavily Shocked That Detective Corwin May Win Bet.

W. H. Farnam, alleged forger, and once convicted here of raising a check, was yesterday started on his way to Texas, where he is expected to serve his term. The case of Detective A. T. Corwin, who declares that his prisoner will never escape him. Farnam is a man of about 35 years of age, of medium height, with dark hair, and is a very strong man. He was taken to the penitentiary at St. Louis, where he will take a day's rest.

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STATEMENT FROM NORFOLK

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Mr. McAllister said he knew nothing of the case, except what he had read in the papers, and was not in a position to speak, not knowing its merits. He said Mr. West bore an excellent reputation while in Virginia, and that he was with the Anti-Saloon League for fourteen months, and was found efficient. He had been in the work, to the best of his knowledge, four or five years, going from Virginia to Kentucky.

"I was surprised and shocked to hear of this charge against Mr. West," he said.

FATHER AND SON TO DIE TOGETHER

John and William Brown Pay Penalty This Morning for Skipwith Murder.

John and William Brown, father and son, two of the convicted men in the county murders, will go to their death in the electric chair in the penitentiary sometime to-day. All five of the convicted men were condemned to die on the same day, but to prevent possible accident, Governor Swanson resented Joe and Isham Taylor to May 6 and Lewis Jenkins to May 7.

The negroes murdered Mrs. Mary E. Skipwith and her daughter, Edith, on the morning of the 12th of February 1908, and afterwards burned the house, endeavoring to hide all traces of their crime. They made but one mistake, and that one mistake will cost them their lives. After plunging the house, they hid part of the body of their victim in the attic, and the finding of it led to their undoing. Some of the stuff, a little china, was found in Joe Taylor's house. The men were tried within a few weeks of the crime, and in less than a week all had been found guilty. Jenkins, the seer of visions, in an endeavor to exculpate himself by dreaming that the other four committed the murder and arson, made out a stronger case against his companions, and fell into the pitfall he had dug for them.

He has never once averted from his "dreams," declaring always that an angel came to him in a vision and supplied him with the information. Isham Taylor dreamed once after he was in jail—that Mrs. Skipwith came to him and told him she knew he was not concerned in the crime. He is the most intelligent of the gang. None of the negroes has been further from the confines of the county than Richmond. None is educated except Isham Taylor, who can read and write with a little skill.

He has had a letter written to his family, bidding them good-by, and expressing the hope that he may meet them in eternity. He said that he was not anxious to walk in the straight and narrow way. It is the first time in the history of the penitentiary that there has been a double execution. It was probably the first time that father and son have been condemned to die together.

WEST WAS HELD IN HIGHEST ESTEEM HERE

Anti-Saloon Workers Shocked at Reports of Preacher's Conduct.

NO CHARGES WHILE HERE

Rev. J. D. McAllister, His Successor, Expresses Grief Over Reports Sent Out.

In the belief that stories sent out from Lexington, Ky., an exaggerated, officials of the Virginia Anti-Saloon League, with whom the Rev. John W. West formerly worked in this city, are unwilling to believe the minister is guilty of improper conduct, as charged. Mr. West has been superintendent of the Kentucky Anti-Saloon League, having held that position ever since he severed his connection with the Virginia organization, more than a year ago.

The older Bryn, who succeeded him, is unwilling to believe the reports, and says he will not talk of the matter until he is thoroughly convinced that the charges are true. Mr. McAllister is inclined to think there is a plan to injure the anti-saloon worker's spreading reports, based on a mere semblance of truth.

Mr. McAllister was in the city yesterday, but left in the afternoon for Norfolk. He seemed greatly upset against his co-worker, and his statement is that Mr. West, while in Richmond, conducted himself in a manner not to create any adverse criticism.

A letter received by him on Tuesday stated that the Kentucky worker was in ill health, and would soon take a vacation.

No Charges Made Here

It was not until he left Catlett'sburg, that the publication appeared in which Mr. West is charged with various advances toward young girls. Corwin, of the Virginia Anti-Saloon men believe the affair to be an attempt on the part of whiskey men to defame a vigorous worker for temperance reform.

George M. Smith, who is recognized as one of the leaders of the prohibition movement here, stated last night: "I don't know what to think. Mr. West was not a well educated man, but he has powerful ability, and is a vigorous worker. I never heard anything against him until the publication appeared in the Times-Dispatch this morning."

"I think the story is greatly exaggerated, although I cannot say what the motive of those who sent it out can be. I think Mr. West can explain everything if he is given an opportunity. My opinion is based entirely on my friendship for the man, who impressed me as being sincerely devoted to his work."

Mr. West may stop over in Richmond in the morning, as in his letter to Mr. McAllister he expressed his desire to spend several days here.

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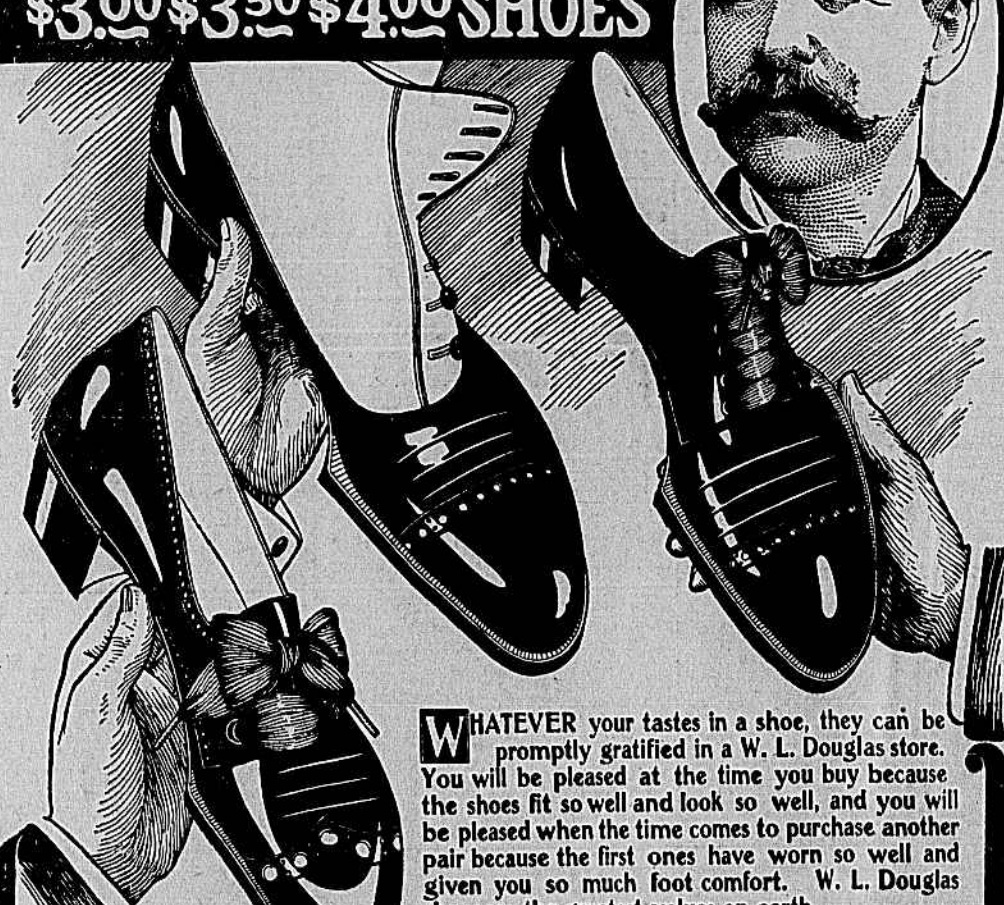
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Sergeant Sherry Sworn In

Sergeant C. A. Sherry was elected Tuesday night to fill the vacancy caused by the death recently of Sergeant Hatten A. Amos, was yesterday sworn in by the new deputy City Clerk Ben T. August. He assumed his new position at once.

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MERCHANT HELD OF UNSOUND MIND

Committee Requested to Manage Affairs of George L. Currie.

In private proceedings yesterday in the Hastings Court, before Judge Witt and two physicians, George L. Currie was adjudged of unsound mind, and the case will be certified to the Chancery Court at 10 o'clock this morning, when Judge Grinnan will be asked to appoint a committee to care for his estate and interests. The petitioners will ask for the appointment of J. S. Moore and A. E. Chapman.

Mr. Currie has large interests, and is at present a member from the Chamber of Commerce of the James River Improvement Committee, which position he has held for a number of years.

He is missionary treasurer of St. John's Episcopal Church, and is treasurer of the Knights of Honor, besides holding other positions of trust. He has large shipping interests, being part owner of six schooners with Captain John A. Curtis. Mr. Currie is also the owner of Richmond real estate, and is believed to have other property of considerable value.

The committee to be appointed this morning will be put under bond of \$25,000.

MANY OFFER, BUT FEW ARE PASSED

Only Twenty-two Applicants for Druggists' Licenses Get by Pharmacy Board.

Of the eighty-two applicants who appeared before the State Board of Pharmacy, which has been in session here for the last three days, only twenty-two men succeeded in passing the examinations. Six of these became registered pharmacists, and the rest assistants. The board will be in session to-day for the transaction of other business. The members are as follows: James L. Ayus, H. S. Arrington, G. T. Mankin and T. A. Miller, secretary.

Those who were successful in passing the examinations were:

Registered Pharmacists—M. V. Pence, Charlottesville; G. N. Harrison, Petersburg; P. D. Williams, Sowers, W. C. Overstreet, Roanoke; A. L. Winne, Manchester; R. C. Rice, Marion.

Assistant Pharmacists—L. B. Jones, Charlottesville; J. A. Florence, Manassas; C. R. O. Johnson, Manassas; H. Behler, Rocky Mount; P. O. Vray, Oakdale; R. M. Voss, Norfolk; Harry D. Murphy, Norfolk; Joseph A. Catlin, Norfolk; S. D. Hope, Jr., Norfolk; Morace C. Hardie, Norfolk; Percy M. Massey, Richmond; Robert A. Klor, Newport News; William E. Harrison, Richmond; H. I. Davis, Norfolk; J. S. Bowman, Harrisonburg, and J. B. Perry, Macon, N. C.